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**KIDSAVE (REVISION)**

Permanency, either through adoption or a legal and permanent connection with a caring adult, is key to creating a healthy outcome for children and older youth in foster care. The need to develop efficient programs and systems to increase the possibilities of permanency for older children is essential. Youth who leave foster care without a permanent connection are more likely to commit a crime or become a victim of a violent crime.

The Department of Children and Family Services has developed a plan to increase permanency for foster youth, ages 14 years and older. Kidsave, a non-profit organization, has also developed a plan to find parents for older youth in foster care, based on their successful international model whereby 94.6% of 930 older youth were placed with adoptive families from 1999-2003.

Kidsave would like to form a partnership with Los Angeles County to help find permanent homes for the 10,666 foster youth, ages 14 years and older, in out-of-home care.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT**, the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Children and Family Services to review the model developed by Kidsave as it relates to finding parents for older youth and report back to the Board in 45 days with recommendations to incorporate the Kidsave model into the departments plan to increase permanency for foster youth in Los Angeles County, ages 14 years and older.

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